

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-16 are canceled and newly added Claims 17-34 are presented for examination. The newly presented claims are added in order to comply with U.S. patent practice by deleting multiple claim dependencies and "use" terminology. Otherwise, the newly presented claims embrace comparable subject matter as the original claims. PCT Rule 66.8(a).

No new matter has been added, and the new set of claims does not go beyond the disclosure of the international application as filed. All of the claims presented can be substantiated by the application as originally filed.

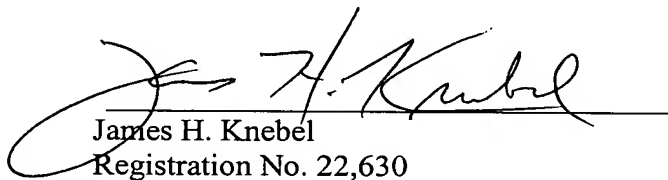
An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

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